UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY CO SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YOR	RK	Return Date: May 12, 2009 11:00 A.M.
In re:		Chapter 11
CAPITOL HEALTH MANAGEMENT,	INC., et al.	Case No. 08-13934 Through 08-13940 (PCB)
	Debtors.	Jointly Administered
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## DEBTORS' RESPONSE TO THE OBJECTION OF STEMBI CORPORATION TO THE DEBTORS' MOTION ASSUME CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LEASES

## TO THE HONORABLE PRUDENCE C. BEATTY, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

The Debtors herein, Capital Health Management, Inc. together with its affiliates and related debtors (collectively, the "Capitol Health Debtors") as and for their response to the Objection (the "Objection") filed by Stembi Corporation ("Stembi") represent and show the Court as follows:

- 1. The Debtors have moved to assume their remaining commercial leases, and understood that no rents were owed to any of the affected landlords. Although the Debtors have occupied their administrative offices at 22-02 Steinway Street, Astoria, NY (the "Steinway Lease") since 2002 without any issue raised by the Stembi that arrears were owed, Stembi has now filed an Objection to the motion alleging, for the first time, relatively significant arrears.
- 2. The Debtors were astounded and surprised to receive Stembi's Objection, and dispute its version of the facts. As set forth in the letter of

Mr. Robert Acquino, annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit</u> "A", Stembi consistently charged the Debtors \$5,000 per month for the office suite on the first floor and \$3,600 per month for the two offices on the second floor. These monthly charges remained in place from 2002 until November, 2007, when a meeting occurred between the Acquino family and the landlord's principal, Dr. Reno DiScala, to increase the rent slightly.

- 3. As the accompanying letter indicates, the rent for the first floor space was increased by \$500 to \$5,500 per month, while the rent for the second floor space was increased by \$400 to \$4,000 per month. After these increases went into effect, the Debtors have religiously made all payments due under the agreement with Dr. DiScala, including May 2009 rents, and were never previously informed of any discrepancy. Indeed, it is noteworthy that in all these years, Stembi never made any claim for any delinquencies or unpaid rent escalation.
- 4. Furthermore, Dr. DiScala is not a stranger to the Debtors, as he worked for one of the Debtors (Boro Medical P.C.) from 2002-2008.
- 5. While Stembi references a rider to the lease relating to various rent schedules and escalations in its Objection, it should be noted that the rider was never actually signed by the Debtors. In point of fact, the Debtors never saw the rider until receipt of the Objection, and have no prior knowledge of it.
- 6. Equally important, the Debtors always had access to the basement at the Steinway premises without additional rent. The Debtors have

used the basement space for storage and to house its computer servers. At no time did the Landlord ever deny the Debtors use of the basement or independently charge any rent for the basement. Accordingly, Stembi's unilateral imposition of a \$5,000 per month charge for the basement is taken from thin air.

7. At worst, disputed facts exist as to whether the rider is effective or has been superceded by the parties' actual course of conduct or superceding agreement.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court overrule the Stembi Objection.

Dated: New York, New York May 11, 2009

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May 11, 2009

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Dear Kevin,

Pursuant to your request, this is to serve as documentation regarding the Stembi Corp. lease for the premises at 22-02 Steinway Street Astoria, NY 11105.

Beginning in 2002, the rent for the first floor (1 office suite) was \$5,000.00 per month. The second floor (2 office suites) was \$3,600.00 per month. On or about November 2007 at a meeting in Dr. Robert Aquino's office, (my son), Dr. Reno DiScala requested a rent increase for both floors. The first floor was increased by \$500.00 for a total of \$5500.00 per month and the second floor was increased by \$400.00 bringing it to \$4000.00 per month (See Attachment 1-4.) This was a verbal agreement and at no time was a "Rider" mentioned or for that matter that we were paying the wrong amount for all these years as per their allegation in their objection. I am enclosing copies of checks to show when the increase took place.

After a careful review of our documents we have the original lease with nothing attached to it. Since 2002, they have cashed all checks without ever disputing any of the amounts.

If you require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

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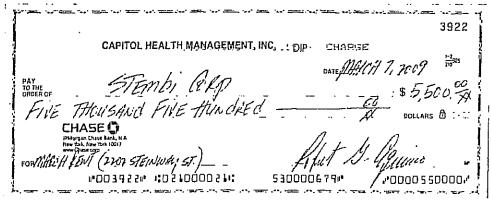
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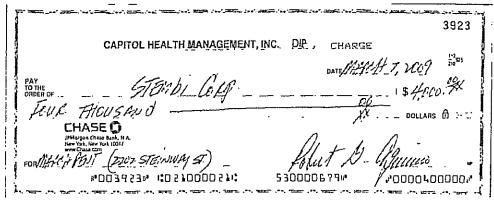
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